

A New Booke
of Mistakes.

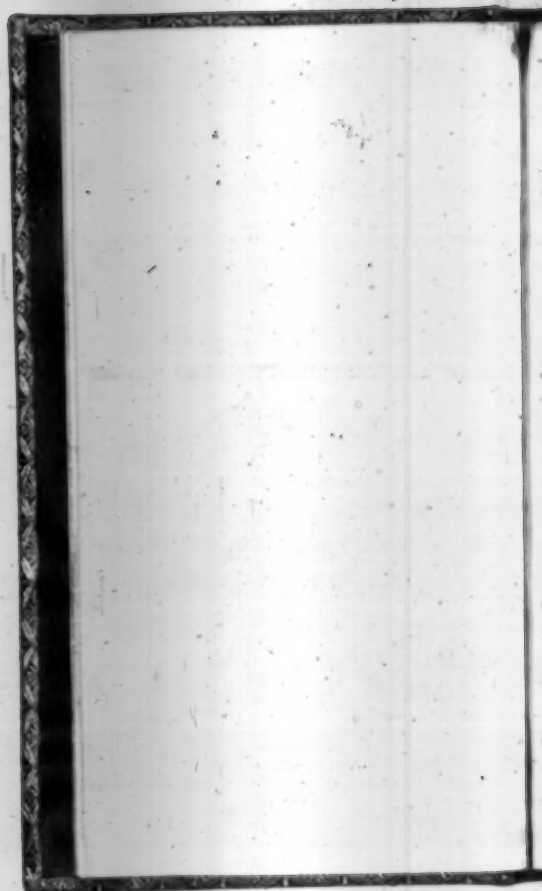
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*Bulls with Tales, and Bulls
without Tales.*

But no lyes by any meanes.




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To the Reader.

 *Entlemen, and
Readers, of
what Humour or
Condition soever;
there are diuers sorts
of Language, to
which custome hath
given sundry names:
There bee Quips,
A 3 Taunts,*

To the Reader.

Taunts, Retorts,
Flowts, Frumps,
Mockes, Gibes,
Jests, Jeeres, &c.
some tart, some plea-
sant; some sportive,
and barmesse; o-
thers galling, and
bitter, and all (for
the most part) tasting
as they are taken:
There are moreover,
other simple mistakes

To, the Reader.

in speech, which passe
under the name of
Bulls; but if any man
shall demand of mee;
why they be so called,
I must onely put them
off with this Womans
reason, they are so,
because they be so:
Now for these here
related, they claime
no Kindred from
the blacke Bull in

To the Reader.

Bishopsgate street,
who is still looking to-
wards Shorditch,
to see if he can spy the
Carriers comming up
from Cambridge;
nor from the branded
Bull at St. Albons,
who would tell all
Travellers, if bee
could speake, There
you may have
Horse-meate, and
Mans

To the Reader.

Mans meate for
your Money ; nor
from the *White Bull*
at the Beare-gar-
den , who tosseth up
Dogges like *Tennis-*
balls , and catching
them againe upon his
Hornes , makes them
to garter their Legges
with their owne
Guts ; nor from the
Red Bull in Saint
A 5 Johns

To the Reader.

Johns streete, who
for the present (alack
the while) is not suf-
fred to carrie the
Flagge in the maine-
top; neither have
they any Alliance ey-
ther to Cow-crosse,
or Cow-lane: But
these are such as have
Teeth, and bite not;
and Hornes, yet butt
not.

Those

To the Reader.

Those Bulls that
have Tayles, weare
them onely to defend
them from the Breez,
and with no worse
purpose, than Gentle-
women use their
Fannes, or Butchers
Wives their Flyc-
flaps; and those which
have no Tayles, can
neither cast dust, nor
durt in any mans
Face

To the Reader.

Face and Eyes.

Courteous Reader,
accept them (such as
they be) in good part,
lest censuring them
with too supercilious
a brow, some or other
may say of thee, thou
lookest as bigge
upon them, as if
thou hadst eaten
Bull-beefe. Vale.

Bulls



Bulls with Tales,
and Bulls without
Tales.

*Of an Usurer, and a de-
bauch'd gallant.*

A Penurious Fel-
low, who lived
altogether up-
on Usury, pia-
ching both backe and bel-
ly to serve himselfe, and
enrich others, came into
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an house where Pudding-pyes, and such like commodities were to bee sold, and to make a saving Dinner, call'd for a Can of six-shillings Beere, and a Pudding-pye, (for by that his good Husbandry he intended to save Bread) a young Gallant without money, and yet not wanting a good stomacke, comming into the house, and observing him to sit in one of the common roomes, saluted him, and asked him how he did? His answer to him againe was, Very well, I thanke you Sir, but indeed I know you not: the Gentleman reply'd unto him,

him, therefore Sir, I am
desirous to drinke unto
you, upon our better ac-
quaintance, and withall
ooke up the Canne of
Beere which then stood
before him, and dranke it
super maculum; which the
other observing, look't
something blankely upon
him; and desired him to
tell him his Name, which
the young man did: to
whom he reply'd, and said,
your Name I very well
remember; for one so cal-
led, once cheated me of a
good Guelding, for which
I could have hanged him:
How saith the Gallant?
Didst thou know that Gen-

B 2 tleman?

tleman & I can assure thee, hee was of mine acquaintance, and cared no more for the stealing of an horse, than I doe *for the eating of this Pudding-pye*, which said, he searcht it up, eat it, and left the Usurer (hungry as he was) to pay for his breake-fast.

Of a Puritane and his friend eating of a Pudding.

A Puritan and his friend coming to a victualling house to breake their Fast, concluded betwixt themselves to have a blacke Pudding, which was accordingly provided, and brought

brought with Bread and
Beere, to accomade it up
to the Table smoaking:
which as soone as the Puri-
tane saw, he clapt his Hat
before his face, and lifting
up his eyes, began (as
their custome is) a very
long and tedious Grace,
praying against black sins,
blew finnes, red, greene,
yellow, tawny, and in-
deed, all kind of coloured
finnes; but in the *interim*,
whilst he was at his prayer,
the other had eate up the
Breake-fast: who, after he
had uncovered his eyes,
and seeing what was done,
looking somewhat heavi-
ly and hungerly upon the

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businesse, demanded of his friend, why hee had tooke that advantage, to serve him so an un-neighbourly a tricke? who againe, made him this short Answer, *Truely I hold it fitting, that from henceforth you either provide your selfe of a shorter Grace, or of a longer Pudding.*

*Of a great Statesman, and
a Cardinall.*

A Great man, (and though it be not common) yet witty withall, travelling into the Countrey, in his second dayes journey came to a thicke
and

and shadowy Wood, or
Forrest, to which the en-
trance was something nar-
row, and being about some
Italian League, (which is
an English Mile in length)
he wondred, that being in
so serene and cleare a day,
that all that time hee was
shadowed from the sight
of the Sunne: But his jour-
ney being over, and some
tenne yeeres after riding
the same way, when hee
came to the same place
which he had before so se-
riously observed, and mis-
sing all those goodly trees,
hee called to his Caroch-
man, and some of his ser-
vants, and told them, that

doubtlesse they were out of their way : but they affirming the contrary , and asking his Lordship what should be the reason of his errour , marry saith hee, because, when I came this way last , I saw a goodly and brave Forrest , with many Trees growing here, and now I spye not one: To whom one of his Gentlemen reply'd, that true it was, but since the Cardinall or Bishop had cut them all downe, and having occasion to use money , had sold them for Timber: who answered him againe, it could be no other than a Church-mans worke , I
acknow.

acknowledge him for a
great scholler; *for this was
a darke place, and hee hath
now explained it.*

*Of a Grasier and a young
Scholler.*

A Rich Grasier driving
two faire and fat Oxen
before him towards the
market, ledde his horse
downe an hill; (as hauing
for his better ease aligh-
ted) at the foote of which
he met with a yong Schol-
ler, who exprest his pover-
ty in his thinne and thred-
bare habite, who desired of
him some small peece of
money to relieve him in

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that his present necessity :
The Grasier, whose name
was *Gualter*, casting a com-
miserating eye upon him,
and having beene in his
youth a pretty Grammar
scholler, thought to prove
him whether hee were a
counterfeit or no, told him,
that before he should taste
any fruites of his Char-
ity, hee would make tryall
of his learning, which the
poore Scholler desired
him to doe : Then, saith
Gualter, I will begin a La-
tine verse, which if thou
canst, instantly and without
pause, make a perfect and
true Hexameter, or Heroy-
icke verse, I will give thee
this

7: this yoake of Oxen, which
ne thou seest I drive before
me, to make thy best of
n, them: To which the yong
is man willingly assented, as
ar being wondrous glad of
ve the motion: When the
a Grasier putting his foote
n, into the stirrop to get upon
te his horse, said, thus then I
i- beginne my verse: *Nunc*
ll *scandit Gualter*; to whom
ne the young ladde suddenly
ed replied, *Mens est Bos unus*
th & *alter*: Which speedy
a- and witty answer, when
ou the Grasier heard, hee put-
ut ting his hand into his
d pouch drew out a French
y- Crowne, and cast it unto
re him, and said, gramercy
is Schol-

Scholler, drinke that for
my sake, which I freely
give thee to release mee
of my bargaine.

Of one *Parkins* a boone
Companion in *Essex*
who dyed of the
rising of the
Lights.

Poore *Parkins*, now per-
cuss here lies,
Light hearted, till his
Lights did rise.
Lights of the Body, are the
Bellows,
And hee, one of the best good
fellows
That *Essex* yeelded, (all we
know)

And

*And breath'd, till they did
cease to blow.*

*Of a rich Batchelor, who by
no means could be per-
swaded to marry :
and his Foole.*

A Great rich man, and of
a good family, who al-
together affected a single
life, kept a foole, and made
him as familiar with him, as
if he had been his sole Mi-
stris ; for hee seemed to
take delight in no womans
company at all : yet it so
happened, that one of his
servants (whom he used to
imploy in the like offices)
had conveighed a pretty
woman

woman privately into his Chamber, and so closely, that none of his family took the least notice thereof, these two lay very lovingly together, and being in the Summertime, and the weather hot, tossing the clothes very carelessly, fell fast asleepe towards the morning : when the Foole (as his custome was) comming towards his masters chamber to give him an earely visit, and finding the doore left onely by a negligent latch, hee entred, and casting his eyes towards the lower end of the bed, spied foure bare legs, at which being amazed,

zed, and not looking so high as up to the pillowes, hee ranne downe hastily, and cald all the people of the house together, and told them, hee would shew them such a wonder as their eyes had never beheld til then: they desirous to understand the novelty, grew very importunate to know what it was; who replyed, mary I will tell you, my Master and yours, whom we all saw goe towards bed but with two legs, hath since yesternight got foure legs, and withal bid them go up and see. They not suspecting any thing, (in regard they knew

knew him to be a Batcheler) followed him vp close into the Roome to bee spectators of the prodegy ; to whom the Foole said, looke you here, (my Masters;) and see if I lye: who well perceiving what the businesse was, went downe blushing, and some of them whispering amongst themselves, in regard the doore was left so carelessly, said, they knew not which was the greater Foole, the Idiot, or their Master.

of

*Of an House that should
fall.*

ONE coming with a
very pleasant counte-
nance into the company
where his friends were
merrily drinking, one of
them said unto him, you
are very welcome, and the
rather, because you looke
so cheerefully upon us:
who again replied; narry
I thank God, & I have re-
son; why what is the news
saith he: the other answered
again; I married an
Orphan, and came but
now from the Court of
Aldermen, and they haue
promi-

promised me *the next house that falls* : O but said another ; if your case were mine, I had rather they had promised to mee the next unto it *that stands* .

Of Water-mens Hall.

ONE would not believe that the society of the Water-men had any Hall; to whom another who was friend unto him replied, Truly Sir they have, and the better to resolve you, I went this day to *Westminster* in a paire of Oares, and the one of them told mee hee was this

this yeare chiefe Church-
warden of the Company.

*A mistake in the
Sences.*

TWO friends meeting
in the streete, one de-
manded of the other from
whence he came? who re-
plied againe: From a
place, where I have spent
my time better than you
have done in any other
this two dayes: and where
was that said hee? marry
saith hee in the Church,
where I have beene to see
a Sermon.

Ano-

*Another in the like
kinde.*

ANother coming from
a place where a great
Tumult and clamor had
beene, being demanded by
a friend of his, from
whence hee then came?
whence said hee? I pro-
test from a place where I
saw such a loud and horri-
ble noyse, which hath so
deafred me, that I am scarce
able to heare what you
now speake.

A

*A Verse in Virgil thus
construed.*

*Silvestrem tenui Musam me-
ditaris avena.*

M*Editaris, id est, Thou
well remembrest; te-
nui, that I once had, Mu-
sam silvestrem, a Countrey
Wench, avena, upon an
oaten sheafe.*

*Another Verse as simply
construed.*

A Schoole-master in the
Countrey, put one of
his young Schollers new
entred into his *Grammar*,
to

to construe this Verie:
Est modus in rebus, sunt cer-
ti deniq; fines: And with-
 al bid him to doe it sud-
 denly: The Boy takes the
 Booke in his hand, and
 instantly made this Con-
 struction: *Est modus in re-*
bus, There is mudd in
 the Rivers, *sunt certi de-*
niq; fines, and certaine o-
 ther little Fishes.

*Of a Captaine, and his
 God-sonne.*

A Captaine, who could
 neither write, nor read,
 amongst other of his
 Friends, came to give a
 visite to one of his Gossips,
 to

to whose childe hee had
beene witnesse, and found
him to be a pretty Lad be-
twixt two and three yeeres
of age, who, after he had
made much of the childe,
asked her, if she did not in-
tend to bring him up to be
a Scholler? To whom she
answered, O, yes by all
meanes; for she kept him
at Schoole, and he tooke
his Learning very pretily:
at which the Captaine see-
med to bee much pleased,
and so after some kind con-
gratulations, parted; hee
promising within few daies
to see her againe, which
hee accordingly did, and
brought with him a Friend
of

ot his, one of his Fellow-
souldiers : After salutati-
on, falling into discourse,
the Lad came from
Schoole, upon which the
Captaine tooke occasion
to commend him to his
friend, and tell him what
a hopefull Scholler he was
like to proove : Nay (saith
he) to make my words
good, come hither my pre-
ty child, and let me heare
thee say thy Lesson which
thou hast learn'd to day,
and withall tooke him be-
twixt his legges, and with
the Fescue pointed him to
the Letters in his Horne-
booke, and began thus,
What Letter is this ? T,
saith

saith the Boy, and what
Letter is this? *H* saith he,
and what Letter is this?
A saith the Child, and
what this? *T* saith the Lad,
very good saith the Cap-
taine; and what spells
THAT? *From* saith the
Boy: well spell'd my
brave Lad said the Cap-
taine; if thou prov'st not
a Scholler indeed, I'll not
beleeve there is a Scholler
in *Christendome*.

*Of a Iakes-farmer working
in the night.*

Certaine of those peo- +
ple, whom for mode-
sties sake, wee call Gold-
C finders,

finders, being emptying of
an house of office, and
their Carts, with their stin-
king Tubs, blocking the
Streets, some Gentlemen,
not able to endure the
smell, and were to passe
that way flung their cloaks
over their faces, which
one of them observing,
said, *if you would alwayes
keepe your tayles shut, you
should not now have occasion
to stop your noses.*

Of two Women scolding.

TWO Women bitterly
scolding, saith the one
unto the other, thou lyest
worse than a Whore, or a
Theefe;

f Theefe ; to whom the se-
d cond reply'd , and thou-
-lyest worle than hee that
e made the last Almanacke.

Of an ignorant Scholler.

A Yong Scholler, whom
his father sent unto the
University , before hee
could construe good *La-
tine*, spending his houres
more in his pleasure, than
at his Booke, having wa-
sted all his allowance be-
fore the Quarter-day , and
being quite destitute both
of money or credit , not
knowing any other means
to draw Coine out of his
Fathers coffers , writ him

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a Let-

a Letter under his owne hand, to certifie him that himselte was dead, and desired him to send him up money to pay for his Funerall.

Of Bulls and Cowes.

ONE, whose House stood neare to the fields, where Cattell were wont to graze, hearing some of them to clamour aloud after their kind, before a storme, or a tempest, said unto his Neighbour, indeed you scarce beleeeve what comfort and pleasure I take in the night, when I see the Kine to lowe so loud,

loud, and the Bulls to bel-
low.

*Of a young Deacon, the first
time hee came into
the Pulpit.*

A Young Scholler ha-
ving newly tooke Or-
ders, thought the better
to embolden himselfe to
practise first amongst the
Clownes in the Countrey,
and had prepared himselfe
to that purpose: and com-
ming into a platne Parish-
Church, desired that hee
might give them a Ser-
mon, for which hee had
not onely leave, but ma-
ny thanks; and comming

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into the Pulpit, having never been in the like place before, seeing such a multitude of Rusticks about him, he was so much abashed and daunted, (his memory failing him) that he could not proceed one word further; when making a necessitous pause, and not knowing how to come off with credit, he suddenly bethought himself, and snuffling with his Nose, said, Dearly beloved bretheren, I would willingly proceed in my Sermon, but I smell such a strong sent of Fire, that indeed, it is ready to stifle me: which he had no sooner

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ner spoken, but every of them (making it his owne case) not knowing in whose House, or Barne it might happen, all of them ran tumultuously out of the Church to quench it; which hee seeing, came quietly downe out of the Pulpit, and so by that meanes alone saved his credit.

A Word simply and ignorantly mistaken.

[T happened that an upper ground, whose foundation was seated upon Sand, either by the washing of the raine, or con-

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riuanee of time the foundation grew so unstable, that the weight of the higher earth moved by degrees, & quite covered the lower; which happened in a part of the County of *Hereford*, the strangeness and novelty thereof being related unto one that had bin an eye-witnes thereof, one that stood by, instantly replied, sir, indeed you speak of a wonder, for in all my time, I never heard of such an *Inundation* of earth before.

of

*Of a mad fellow in the
Countrey, who payed a
Reckoning to his Ho-
stesse with a
Song.*

A Pleasant, or rather a
cheating fellow in the
Countrey, willing to eate,
and having at that time no
money in his purse, came
to a Victualling house, and
asked his Hostesse, what
she could provide for his
Breakfast? who told him
such, and such things, and
named them all; who bad
her provide what he found
best agreeing with his sto-
macke ; which with all
C s possible

possible speede was prepared, and set before him: he feeding upon them to his full sauey, put up his knife, and withall, demanded of her what he had to pay, who presely brought him an honest and conscionable reckoning, of which hee seemed well to approove; but asked her withall, if she would take a Song for her money: to whom shee gave a modest answer, that shee would, so he would sing such a one as might satisfie and content her: Saist thou so Hostesse, quoth he, gramercy for that, and song first one, and then another, and askt her

her how she liked this, and how that, but none of them all would please her: at length putting his hand into his pocket, he drawes out his purse, in which was no better coyne than plain Counters, and shaking it in his hand, beganne to sing aloud to this purpose.

The Song.

WHAT course shall I take,
Due payment to make
For all this good meate I have
eaten?
To have boyld and roste,
And all of free cost,
I worthy were then to be beaten.

Come

Come forth then I say,
My Coyne to defray,
(That never hath yet beene
forspoken)
Lay downe to an haire,
For all thy good fare,
And bate not thine hostesse a token.

And withall beganne to
open his purse, and asked
her, how that Song pleased
her? who answered
him, very well, for now he
sung to the purpose: Then
Hostesse saith he, fare you
well, you are payd your
reckoning.

*Of Women going downe
by Water to Braine-
ford.*

Divers honest, and substantiall women went to make merry at *Braine-ford* with their Husbands leave; and amongst the rest a Vintners wife, who was honest, but a plaine and simple man; a familiar friend of his comming into the Kitching, and missing his wife, asked him where shee was? who replyed, that shee was gone a Gossiping to *Brainford* with such a mans wife, and such an ones (all which his neigh-

neighbour well knew) and they must needes goe by water too: (saith he) but to learne them more wit hereafter, I could wish they might all be drowned, so they might have no harme.

*Of the same Vintners
Wife.*

THE same woman was very famous in the place where shee lived for making of dainty Marrow-bone Puddings, at which indeed shee had scarce her fellow in the City; and they two betwixt them had got a very faire estate:
Being

Being in very earnest discourse with a neighbour of his, they fell into talke about their meanes that God had blest them with: saith this neighbour to him, you by your industry have got a faire and competent estate; hee answered him againe, yes indeed I have, and whatsoever I possesse, is come unto mee by the grace of God: which his wife coming by, and hearing, made replie, come, come saith shee, you talke that what you have got came by the grace of God, but I know what I know, I am sure it came

came by my making of
Puddings.

*Of a Tradse-man that
was a Good-fellow.*

IT was the Phrase of a
good-fellow that I knew,
and frequent in his mouth,
whensoever hee came
into any Ale-house or
Taverne, come, come,
call in for the other
pot or quart; a groat
is soone got, but long in
spending.

*A witty answer of a civill
Gentlewoman.*

A Modest Matron sitting at doore in a Summer evening, a Ruffinly Gallant came unto her, and asked her bluntly, if shee never had been a Whore? to whom shee suddenly replied, indeed sir never but once, and that was when a Ruffinly young Gallant like your selfe, she being then my companion, begat you of your mother.

of

*Of a cheating fellow and
his Hostesse.*

A Mad fellow, which had no money, travelling by the way, call'd in at an Ale-house for a deepe reckoning, but when it came to be payd, he made so long a pause, that his Hostesse desired to see him discharged, for shee had other guests to looke to: but hee desired her to stay, and still, the more shee importuned him, his answer was, Good Hostesse stay: well saith shee, stay me no stayes, either lay me my money downe, or I'll presently

sently goe fetch the Constable ; and withall stept out of the doore into the streete : hee followed her close , and began to take him to his heeles ; which shee perceiving, cryed after him, Stay fellow , stay fellow ; to whom looking backe, hee reply'd , by no meanes good Hostesse , thou wouldst not stay for me , and now will not I stay for thee.

*Of one Banes, a Scholler
in Westminster.*

O *Ne Banes* , a witty
Lad of *Westminster*
Schoole,

Schoole, having committed some fault or other, was to be whipt: now the Master (whilst hee stood bare to his mercy) knowing him to bee ingenious, lifting up his Arme, with a smarting Rod in his hand, said, I aske the Banes of Matrimony betwixt the Rod in my hand, and the bare breech before mee, if any one can shew any reason, why these two may not be lawfully joyned together, let them speake now, or never, for this is the last time of their asking; and withall being ready to strike, the Boy cast his head backe, and
sayd,

said, Marry I forbid the
Banes : The Schoole-ma-
ster reply'd, but firrah, you
must shew me some reason
why? who answer'd him,
Because Sir, upon my
knowledge the parties are
not agreed : for which wit-
ty answer hee was for that
time pardoned.

*Of two Neighbour, travel-
ling by water.*

TWO Friends travelling
by Water, and the
Windes being somewhat
hie, and the billowes
rough, though they were
both very fearefull, yet
one

one of them seeming more timorous than the other, his Neighbour began to cheere him up, and sayd, Doubt nothing Friend, but bee of good comfort; for God is as strong by Land, as he is by Water.

*A Question about a great,
or small number.*

A Witty conceited Gentleman meeting with a plaine Countrey-fellow, after some other discourse, thinking to sport himselfe with his simplicity, began to question with him about Arithmeticke, and
amongst

amongst other interrogatories, hee asked him, whether hee thought three or foure to bee a small number or a great? to whom the plaine fellow replied, that hee thought them to bee but a small number: how saith the Gentleman? then I put this further question vnto thee: if thou hadst three or foure wives to keepe and maintaine, wouldst not thou thinke them to bee a great number? yes truely; (answered he) for to speake my conscience, having but one, I haue enough, and too much of her, and therefore three or foure are a great number

number indeed : How ?
(replied the Gentleman)
but say thou hadst but
three or foure haire upon
thy head, wouldst thou not
thinke them to be but a ve-
ry small number? at which
the poore fellow grew
blanke, and was not able to
make him any further an-
swer.

*Of a young Gentleman that
married a crooked
maid.*

A Gentleman of good
quality, and a proper
man withall, married with
a Gentlewoman of a great
dower, but sheew as ve-
ry

very crooked, a friend of his coming to visit him, and observing upon what manner of creature he had bestowed himselfe, taking him aside, after some other discourse, demanded of him, why he, being so handsome a Gentleman, and in his prime of youth, could match himselfe to a woman so mishapen? who smiling, replyed; friend, if thou hadst sent me a peece of gold out of the country, and bowed it for a token, it being weight, should I have despised it, and sent it backe againe to thee, because it was somewhat bent and crooked?

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*Sundry mistakes spoken
publickly upon the
Stage.*

IN the Play of *Richard*
the third; the Duke of
Buckingham being betraid
by his servant *Banister*, a
Messenger comming hastily
into the presence of the
King, to bring him word
of the *Dukes* surprizall,
Richard asking him what
newes? he replyed:
My Liege, the *Duke of Ba-*
nister is tane,
And *Buckingham* is come
for his reward.

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A like to the former.

A Nother in the Play of
Edward the second;
though being often taxt of
the errour, yet could ne-
ver deliver one line other-
wise, than thus:

Like to the harmelesse
Lambe, or sucking Dove.

A third.

A Third making a Pro-
clamation, in the stead
of fifty foot, commanded
that no man, upon paine of
death, should come within
fifty Miles of the place of
Execution.

A fourth.

A Nother made this
comparison.
Like to so many Cannons
shot from Bullets.

A fift.

A Nother bringing word
from the General, that
the Souldiers should sinke
all their boats, and hegon;
told them, that they must
bore their holes full of
Boats, and instantly march
away.

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A Man of a low stature.

ONe that was of a very low stature, and being often jeer'd for that: One time above the rest, it being cast upon him, hee said, you talke of Dwarfes, and the like; but I protest, I was the other day in company with three or foure of my acquaintance, when (no man being so high as I) I was the tallest man amongst them.

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of

*Of a Souldiers wife in the
time of Auricular
Confession.*

A Souldier having a
curst shrew to his wife,
and very untractable, yet
pretending to be very reli-
gious, used to goe often
to Confession: but still
when shee kneeled before
her Ghostly Father, in-
stead of ripping up her
owne finnes, she troubled
his eares, with telling him
what a bad man she had to
her husband, and spared
not to brand him with the
worst things that either
hee

he could possibly doe, or
shee could imagine to bee
done: The Confessor mee-
ting with him by chance,
gave him a gentle admo-
nishment, perswading a
Comingall Attonement
betwixt them, and told
him how necessary it was
for his soules heakh, to
have a perfect & an unfeig-
ned reconcilement made,
that they might live in
peace and unity; and to
that purpose told him how
needfull it was, that hee
should also come oftener
to Confession, which hee
had before so much neg-
lected. These words see-
med to take great impres-

sion in him, insomuch, that he appointed him a certain time for that purpose, and kept his word accordingly; & being upon his knees, his Confessor having given him a serious exhortation, to confesse all those finnes whatsoever hee had committed, that hee might bee absolved of them: he made him answere, that it was altogether needlesse, and to no purpose; for whatsoever I have done, nay more then ever I had a thought to doe, my wife hath confessed unto you before hand: and so left him.

of

*Of one that bought an Horse
in Smithfield.*

A Gentleman cheapened
an Horse in *Smithfield*,
and agreed for the price,
which was Ten pound:
but coming to pay down
the Money, hee had but
eight Pieces about him;
but sayd to him that sold
him, heere is so much mo-
ney in hand, and I will
remaine Debter unto you
for the rest; who seeing
him to be a man of fashion,
and having inquir'd his
name, and residence, did
accept thereof, and so for
that time they parted. The

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next day he found him out at his Lodging, and demanding the Two Peeces which he left unpayd, he answered, that he did him great wrong to claime any such Summe, for it was contrary to their bargaine: I pray Sir saith the other, how can you make that good? Marry thus said the Gentleman: Ten Peeces were the price for your Horse, Eight I payd you downe in hand, and promised you to bee your Debtor for the rest, and so I am', and will remaine still; for otherwise I should breake both my word, and bargaine.

*A Prophecie of the Yeere
ensuing.*

There is like to be such
a defect in the Nobili-
ty; that even Rusticks, if
they be rich, will strive to
become Noble, and such
a penury among the *Jewes*,
that many, nay, too ma-
ny *Christians* shall turne
Usurers: One Day shall be
longer, and one Night
shorter than another: Men
shall bee more glad to re-
ceive Money, than to pay
it: Some shall rather desire
to ride, than to goe on
foote; he that cannot com-
passe

pasſe Wine, ſhall be glad
to drinke Ale, or Beere:
Man and Wiſe ſhall live in
quiet, till they fall into
quarrell : Blacke Cowes
ſhall this yeere give white
Milke, many ſhall be more
glad to goe to bed late,
than to riſe early : Rich
men ſhall dye as the poore
doe, and no man ſhall be
valedwed according to his
Wiſdome, but his wealth,
&c.

Of a Flatterer.

A Flatterer that had ex-
tolled his Lord be-
yond all reaſon or mode-
ſty,

fly, before a great company then present, impatient of such Adulation, in regard it was so palpable, could not containe himselfe, but, rising from his seate, fell upon him, and gave him divers blowes; who feeling the smart, sayd unto him, Sir, why doe you beate me? to whom hee answered, Sirrah, why didst thou bite mee?

*A witty retort of a learned
Bishop:*

A Bishop going to visit through his Diocese, was entertained at a Parsons house, where hee had very great and good chear, but his wine was starke naught; which he tasting, said to the Parson, *Domine Persona, hoc non est bonum vinum*: To whom hee replied, if it please your good Lordship, I thinke you speak incongruously; to whom he answered, it is true Master Parson, I know it well, but if you could tell how to mend your
Wine,

Wine, you should quickly
finde, that I would mend
my Latine.

Of Usury.

ONE asking whether
Usury were any way
lawfull? it was answered
him againe, that it was; the
other demanding how?
who replied againe, so
that a man lendeth his
money onely to such, as
he knowes are not able to
pay backe the principall
again.

of

*Of a great Prelate in
Rome.*

A Great Prelate in *Rome*, being at a sumptuous and delicate feast, where was plenty of all varieties, and nothing was wanting, saving Mustard, looking about, and spying none, said aloud; *O quanta patimur pro Ecclesia*: which a Scholler, who was then at his Elbow, hearing, said, Sir, by your favour, you should have said *patimur*; to whom hee replied, what telst thou mee of *patimus* or *patimur*, is it not all one? for I am sure they

Bulls without Tai

they are both of the Genitive case.

Of an unlearned Parson in the Conuntry.

A Parson in the Conuntry, who was no scholler, spying the word *Epiphania* in the Calendar, by the red letters finding it to be a Festival day, gave out in the Church, that the next weeke, upon such a day, they were to keepe the Feast of *Epiphanie*, but whether it were of a man or a woman, hee could not resolve them for the present; but howsoever, he desired that they would come to the Church, and keep it for an Holy day. A

Bulls with Tales,

A Vintner and a Poet.

A Vintner meeting a Poet in the streets, saluted him, and desired him of better acquaintance : who asked him of what profession hee was : who told him that he was a Vintner, and proceeded further, and said, I know you by sight, and I make no question but that you know mee too : To whom he replied, no indeed, for to my knowledge, I neuer saw your face before : I pray you where dwell you : marry (saith hee) at the Rose, by the Poultry Counter

Bulls without Tales.

Counter gate ; to whom
the Poet answered againe,
friend ; how horribly art
thou mistooke ! why, I tell
thee , I never durst walke
that way this seaven
years.

*Of a Land Poet, and a
Water Poet.*

ONE being asked what
difference there was
betwixt a Land Poet and a
Water Poet ? made an-
swer ; even just so much as
there is betwixt a Schol-
ler and a Schuller.

of

*Of a Knight which was
made a Master of
Art.*

W Hether it be by the
Kings prerogative
or by the courtesie of the
University I know not, or
whether both coupling
together; but so it was
that a Knight, a Noble
Gentleman, being with the
Kings Majesty at Cam-
bridge, had so much grace
as to be made a Master of
Art, to add to his former
Title: upon which honour
having drunke somewhat
stiffely over night, and
com-

Comming to tender his service to his Majesty, hee (knowing him to bee no Scholler) asked him, how much hee had profited in his learning, since hee had tooke that degree: who answered him againe, with a protestation, that since his comming to the Accademy, hee had gain'd so much Latine, that the last night hee had scarce one word of English to bring him to bed.

of

*Of a Reader in one of
the Innes of
Court.*

+ **A** Very eminent Gentle-
man, who was at that
time Reader, having fea-
sted the house very boun-
tifully in his last Lecture,
or taking of his leave of
these exercises, did it in
these or the like words:
Gentlemen, I have read to
you, & I have feasted you,
but if you have not pro-
fited so much by my rea-
ding, as by my feasting, I
conclude thus: You have
beene better fed than
taught.

of

*of a Goldsmith, his Wife,
and his youngest
Prentise.*

A Goldsmith, fearing +
the danger of the
Sicknesse, was perswaded
by his wife, which was a
pretty handsome Gentle-
woman, to remove out of
London, and take an house
in the Countrey, and to
furnish it, caused his youn-
ger Prentise to take an in-
ventory of all such house-
hold commodities, as hee
went to conveigh thence,
which hee did punctually,
and set downe every parti-
cular thing as they were
delive-

delivered : but when hee came to his Mistresse Linnen, and finding, that for haste sake, some were washt, and some not, hee writ after this manner: *Item*, so many of my, Mistris her smocks white, and so many parcell guilt, and so gave up his account; which the young Gentlewoman reading, grew into a violent rage, and perswaded her husband to beate the Lad, or bring him before the Chamberlaine, but howsoever, to have him soundly corrected: to which hee answered, wife, by no meanes, the boy suites his phrases properly

perly to his trade, for you know we have white plate, parcell guilt, and guilt al over.

Of Paules.

TWO Gentlemen that +
were of familiär acquaintance meeting, the
one demanded of the other, what newes? marry
saith he, strange newes, have you not heard it? his
friend being importunate to know what it was: why
saith hee, *Paules* is preparing, eitherto goe, orto
ride into the Country presently; the other replied,
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what probability can there
bee for that? what . pro-
bability? (answered he
again) why, doe you not
see hee hath sent all his
Trunkes away. before
hand?

*Of a great Courtier and
a Citizen.*

+ **A** Citizen of good qua-
lity, having businesse
with a Lord of the Court,
as having vented upon
him divers commodities,
the Lord upon a time
being merrily disposed,
desired to resolve him
one question, who told
him

him he would, if it lay in his power to doe't: then saith hee, I prethee tell mee what should be the reason, that so many Citizens should bee Cuc-kolds? who answered him presently, troth my Lord I know none, but our foolish imitation; for wee can see a fashion no sooner come up in the Court, but they will never bee at quiet till they have it in the City.

*Of a Maior in the Country,
and a pleasant fellow
riding through
the Towne.*

THe Maior of a thorow-
fare Towne, sitting
at his doore in discourse
with some of his neigh-
bours; one that tired his
horse; could not by any
spurring make him go for-
ward; but when hee came
just before the Inne doore,
where the Maior sate,
stood stone stil, and would
not stirre one foote fur-
ther, at which they fell
all on laughing; (for hee
was knowne to them all)

at length saith mistris Mai-
or, friend, how farre
are you to ride to night?
troth, answered he, I am a-
fraid I am at the farthest:
will you sell the Beast you
ride on, saith the M^rior? if
I would, answered he, I
could wish you not to
buy him, for one foule fault
that he hath: and what is
that, saith the other? hee
replied, marry because
he never lookes upon any
paltry Mare, but (as I have
observed it) this jadisish
trick comes upon him.

*The answer of an old
Foole.*

ONE asked an ancient
Idiot, what made him
to look so gray? my haire
said hee.

*Of one Neighbour invi-
ting another to
Dinner.*

ONE Neighbour invi-
ting another to din-
ner, said unto him in these
words, good friend, will
it please you to dine with
me to day? and if it
please

please you to send in
Meate, saving for Bread
and Drinke, I will put
you to no other charges.

*of a North countrey man,
who told a Lye in
London.*

A Plaine Northerne fellow
comming up to
the City, told a palpable
lye, and added further,
that he had the Diuill take
him if it were not true;
but presently re-calling
himselſe, ſaid, I crye
God mercy, what have

I done? one asking him the reason of his last speech, and what relation it had to the former, who answered, marry faith hee, because I know not of what condition your Divels are, heere about *London*; but in our Countrey I might have said, the Divell take mee a hundred times together, and I am sure none of them all would have hurt mee.

*A pretty mistake in
the marrying of a
couple.*

A Plaine Vicar in the
Country came to mar-
ry a yong man and a maid,
who were his parishoners,
and both well knowne to
him, and when he came to
the joyning of their hands,
he said to him, *John*, what
is your name? to whom
the fellow said, what need
you aske me that? it seems
you know it as well as I
doe my selfe.

*Of the blinde man of
Holloway.*

THE Blinde man of *Holloway* coming about some businesse to *London*, and especially to speake with a Citizen in Fryday-street, with whom hee had some trading, came unto his shop, and asked one of the boyes, if his Master were within? who told him, that hee was above. I prethee then tel him that I am here, and desire to speake with him; who presently went up, and told his Master, that the blinde man

man of *Holloway*, was come to see him : Is hee faith his Master ? tell him, I will come downe unto him presently ; for I know hee would be very glad to see me.

Of a Quack-salver, who did undertake to cure one of the Gout.

ONE lying long bedrid of the Gout, which by lazinesse, and too much ease, grew more, and more upon him, a Quacksalver came to him, and tooke upon him to cure him, but finding that hee could give him

him no ease at all, but that the cure was above his cunning, knowing that his patient had a Guelding in the Stable, on which hee sometimes rode, when hee was not able to goe, hee watched his opportunity, stole him, and rode with him quite away: Now the man, having neither Physitian to helpe him, nor Horse to ease him, was forc't to forsake his Bed, and to try his feete; by which meanes he was suddenly recovered, by stretching out his shrunk veines, which before were contracted. Those that knew it, gave out, that the
Horse

Horse was the best Physician of the two, and that the Quacksalvers knavery had done more than his cunning.

*Of a Maide who dyed
suddenly.*

A Kitchin-mayd, who was providing a great Dinner, where divers persons were invited; as they expected the meate to come up, sudden newes was brought to them, that the Cooke-maide was fallen downe dead in the Kitchin, and was past all recovery: at which, all the

the Guests, with the owner of the House, and the rest of his Family, made speed out of the house, left the meate at the fire, locked up the doores, and away they went. One relating this to a friend of his said, that they were all such a feare, that they left no living creature in the house saving the mayde, who lay dead in the Kitchen.

*Of a Masse. Priest in Queen
Maries dayes.*

IN *Queene Maries dayes*, when all the Service was in *Latino*, a simple, Gilly Priest

Priest in the Countrey,
(for there were few other
in those dayes) was intrea-
ted to come to the next Pa-
rish to Christen a Childe,
but not having his owne
Booke, he was so newhat
puzell'd; at length hee
spy'd at the foot of a leafe
written, *Sa'ta per tria*, that
is, skip, or turne over three
leaves at once, which hee
mistaking, and thinking it
had beene the fashion of
that Parish, when he came
to these words, to give
three leapes about the
Font: not willing to break
Customes, hee presently
fetcheth three frisks and
vagaries, tumbling the
Mil-

Mid-wife one way, the
Godfather another, and
had almost throwne down
the God-mother that held
the Child; at which, they
all thought him to be mad,
and layd hold on him: but
a Gentleman standing by,
who had overlookt him in
his reading, spying the
Errour, put him into the
right way, otherwise the
Childe had beene borne
thence, not halfe Christen-
ed.

of

*Of a Vintner, and a pleasant
Fellow.*

A Merry fellow having
A observ'd a Vintner to
carry downe a great quan-
tity of water into his Cel-
lar, (which others, it
seemes, had not taken so
much note of) cryed out,
Fire, fire ; the neighbours
comming, and asking
where ? He told them, in
the Vintners Cellar : They
beate against the doore, up
comes the Master, and
tells them, all is well with-
in, demanding who had
abus'd him in that kind :
the

the Author is found out, and produc't; who being asked why hee had done him that injury? answered, who would have thought, but that the Cellar had beene a fire, that had seene him carry in so much water as I did?

Of a Doctor not us'd to ride.

A Doctor that was seldom on horse-bak, being to ride a Journey, came to take horse with no spurres upon his heeles, which one, that was to ride with him, espy-
ing,

ing, laid, Master Doctor,
doe you meane to ride
without spures? who loo-
king downe towards his
feete, said, 'Tis true in-
deed, I have none; but I
had thought verily that my
man had put them on.

Of shooting at Buts.

ONE that stood look-
ing upon a Match that
was shot at Buts, when all
had shot very neare, the last
Arrow clapt into the
white, at which, he sayd
aloud, *He hath wone all, if
it were a Mile to the bot-
tome.*

of

Of taking Tobacco.

ONE looking upon one that used to take much Tobacco, said to his friend that stood next him, Doe you not observe that fellow? hee takes Tobacco like a Fish.

Of a Pocket-musket.

TWO Cittizens speaking of their Armes, the one having a handsome short Musket, said to the other, I thinke I have the best Pocket-musket about the Towne ; at which the other

other laughing, he reply'd againe, and why not a pocket-musket, as well as a pocket-dagge.

Of two that fell out.

TWO young fellowes falling out, began to grow into very violent and bitter tearmes: at length said the one to the other, well, for thy Mother, I know her to bee as honest a woman, as any is in *England*, but for thine owne part, thou art no better than the sonne of a Whoore.

of

A harmelesse mistake.

A Chimney beeing on fire, one meetes his man with a Musket in haft, and asked him whither he carried that Chimney? marry, saith he, to scour the peece.

Of a sudden afright.

ONe familiar friend spying another, whose backe was towards him, came suddenly behinde him ere he was aware, and shooke him, so that he gave a great start, and looking, when hee saw it was his
his

his friend, he said, now I
bethrew your heart, you
have made all the guts in
my belly rise into my
face.

Of a Iacobus peece.

ONE spying in the hand
of his friend a very
faire twenty two shillings
peece, & desired him to let
him poyse it in his hand,
which having done, he pre-
sently returned it to him
backe, and said, it was as
faire an *Harry Iacobus*, as
ever he saw.

of

*Of one that was supposed
to bee in a Con-
sumption.*

TWO friends meeting together, the one asked of the other, when he saw such a man, who was well knowne to them both: who made answer with a great sigh, that hee could not bee long liv'd, hee demanding the reason, hee said, hee could not chuse but be in a Consumption, for his doublet was grown too short wasted.

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Of going by Water.

TWO comming to take
Water at *Westminster*
staires, were plyed by di-
vers Oares : the one would
goe with a Waterman of
his old acquaintance : but
the other having depen-
dence upon the Court, no
saich he, wee will goe with
him that hath *M. R.* upon
his coat, for that standeth
for *Maria Rex.*

A Goose-Pye.

ONe seeing a curious
fat Swan at the Poul-
terers Stall, said to his
friend that walkt along
with him, O what a dainty
Goose-pye, would that
Swan make.

Of Colours.

IT being demanded of
one, what colours hee
thought was fittest for a
Trade-man to weare?
was answered, O your
Carnation blacke is the
best

best weare for a Citizen.

Of a Gentleman in Plush.

A Gentleman being very gallant, and all in Plush, walking along the street, two Tradesmen following him, the one who knew him, said to the other, dost thou know him that is so brave? no saith he, what of that? I'll tell thee then, replied the other, thou seest him now all in Plush, but ten to one within these few dayes thou shalt meete him in a broune-stuffe.

A quarter of Lambe.

THree or foure good-fellowes meeting, went to dine at a Cookes in Pie-corner, and bespoke a quarter of Lambe, which when they came to cut up, they found to bee very tough, insomuch, that they could scarcely tugge it a-funder with their teeth; at length saith one of them, now on my conscience, this Lambe is seaven yeares old at least.

*A simple Market-
maid.*

A Silly Market wench
being sent to the But-
chers, inquired at Saint
Nicholas Shambles along,
for a breast of mutton with
a rumpe upon it.

Of buying a Sword.

TWo Gentlemen mee-
ting, the one of them
had a very faire new
Sword, which the other
observing, said unto him,
indeed you have got a ve-

ry handsome Sword, I
pray you is it your owne,
or did you buy it?

*Of two Neighbours
talking.*

TWO neighbours mee-
ting, the one having
lately buried his wife, the
other beganne to comfort
him for the losse of his
good wife; who answered
him againe, that she was a
good woman indeed, but
hee was sorry for nothing
so much, as his poore is-
therlesse children at home.

A very improper Comparison.

ONE complained to his friend, and said; I am so troubled here with a Blister, that is risen upon my arme as passeth, and I assure you, it is as sore as a Wall-nut.

One set upon by a Mastiffe.

TWO fellowes meeting, the one told unto the other, that hee was set upon on the way, by a huge fierce Mastiffe, having nothing (saith hee) in
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my hand but this cudgell which thou seest, and yet for halfe an houre by the Clock, I kept him in play hand to hand, and in al that time he was not able to get within me.

Of Dancing.

ONe seeing a Gentleman dancing very Jostily, & nimbly, and comely withall, said to another, that stood next him, doe you observe that man? doth hee not handle his legs most daintily?

of

*of three or foure being late
in a Taverne.*

THree or foure good
fellows being merry
at the Taverne, till it was
past eleven a Clocke at
Night, some of them ha-
ving a great way to their
Lodgings, saith one of
them to the rest, Nay,
now Gentlemen, it is even
hie time for us to part; for
I will assure you, the lon-
ger that you stay, the far-
ther you have home.

*Of a Message simply
delivered.*

A Widdow-woman being dead, a Messenger was sent to a Gentleman, a Kinsman of hers, to intreate him to contribute something towards her buriall, who delivered his message after this sort: Sir, such a woman is dead, and commends her unto you, desiring you to send her Forty shillings to bury her.

A silly protestation.

I Heard one, speaking of
the honesty of his Wife,
protest, that in his Con-
science she was as vertuous
a Maide, as any was in all
the Parish.

*Another like foolish
protestation.*

ONE being urged to
confirm a Truth, ha-
ving at that time a Beaker
brim'd in his hand, sayd,
(being ready to drinke)
*That which I have spoken, is
most*

*most true, or else I wish this
Beaker may never goe thro-
row me.*

A Cow-pigge.

A Nother instead of a
Sow-pigge, went up
and downe the Market to
aske for a Cow-pigge.

*Of one coming from
a Sermon.*

O Ne that had not beene
often at Church, one
asking him what the Prea-
chers Text was? who an-
swered him againe, I know
the

the Text as well as the
Mother that bore thee, and
hee tooke it out of *Ieroni-*
mo.

Of a Picture.

ONE looking upon his
friends picture, which
was drawne in a very curi-
ous Table, began much
to commend the worke-
manship, and said, *The*
Doublet was as like him, as
if it had beene made for him.

of

*Of a pleasant fellow, his
Confessor, and a Gammon
of Bacon.*

+ **A** Pleasant fellow coming to Confession, his ghostly Father demanded, what great and grievous sinne hee had lately committed, since his last absolution? who fetching a great sigh, said, that the last Lent hee had a goodly gammon of bacon sent him out of the Countrey, but because of the strictnesse of the time, hee had cast it downe into the house of Office: The good man chidde him for it, and told him,

him, that it was a great sin
indeede so to contemne a-
ny of Gods good crea-
tures, he should rather have
kept it, or given it towards
the reliefe of some poore
people, who stood in need
thereof; or saith he, if none
of these, it had beene lesse
offence in thee to have ea-
ten it : Truly Father,
saith hee, I thought so
and therefore not to dis-
semble with you, I did
eate it first, and sent it
downe into the house of
Office after.

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Of a fellow banged for stealing an Halter.

ONE meeting another with whom hee was well acquainted, asked him for an old companion of his, whom he had not seen of long; O saith hee, hee is gon the wrong way; why, what is become of him saith the other? who told him againe, he was hang'd, the other replyed, hang'd! for what? marry saith hee, for stealing a rope; a small fault saith he; ey but answered he againe, there was an horse tyed to the end of it.

*Of two fellows that were to
ride a journey.*

TWO crafty Knaves,
but one more subtile
than the other, were to
ride a journey, and to hire
an Horse betwixt them,
and to ride by turnes; now
when they both had layd
downe their money, saith
the one of them, take no-
tice of the bargaine that is
betwixt us, is it not thus,
That when I ride, you shal
goe on foote; and when
you goe on foote, I shall
ride? 'Tis right said the
other; of which the first
taking

taking notice, got up into
the Saddle, and made his
friend trot on foote the
whole journey.

*Things that cannot be
revoked.*

Youth, Time, a word
spoken, and a Maids
Virginity.

*Another to the like
purpose.*

+ **H**E that at twenty yeers
of age is not faire, at
Thirty, strong; at Forty,
wife; at Fifty, rich; it is

too late for him to expect
any of these after.

*Of one that was to sell an
Hogge.*

[T hath beene a custome
in the Countrey, that
when any man kill'd an
Hogge, hee was to invite
all his neighbors to eate
part thereof, and so they
went round by turnes:
now one more penurious
than the rest, willing to
save that charge, asked
counsell of his neighbour,
what he were best to doe?
who told him, that the
onely way for him to save
both

both his purse and his credit, was to give out the next day, that his Hog was stolne that night, who departed from him very well satisfied, and resolv'd. Now it so happened, that his Hogge was that night stolne indeed, which he missing in the Morning, ran open-mouth'd to his Gossip, with a loud acclamation, and told him, he was quite undone, for his Hog was stolne out of the Sty; who smiling made answer, 'Tis very well Gossip, you carry the businesse even so as I instructed you: To whom hee reply'd with an Oath, Ey but Gossip, I tell you,

you, he is stolne indeed :
who answered, better, and
better ; for if you remem-
ber, I told you, your
neighbours would not be-
leeve you without an oath :
at which words being
more vexed, he stamped,
and stared, and rapt out
Oath after Oath, that what
he said, was true ; the other
still smiling, said, if that
passion would not carry it
currant amongst his neigh-
bours, sure nothing would ;
and so he left him derided,
as well as deluded.

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*Four things kill a man
before his time. I*

A Sad Family, immoderate surfeit, corrupt
ayre, and a faire wife.

Of two calling for a breakfast.

TWO Gentlemen taking a roome in a Taverne, having call'd for Wine, asked the Drawer what they might have to breakefast, who told them, there was nothing, but a peece of Beefe in the Pot, and

and that was not halfe fod,
so saith one of them: I am
very hungry, I prethee
then, till thy Beefe be rea-
dy, let me have a slice of
soft-meate cut from the
Spit.

*Of three things to be
beware of.*

THree things all men
ought to beware of:
Not to be inquisitive into
other mens secrets, for it
may breed thee danger; to
touch nothing in a Smiths
shop, lest thou burne thy
fingers; and to taste no-
thing when thou art at the
Apo-

Apothecaries, lest in the
stead of a preservative,
thou lightest upon poy-
son.

*Of one that came reeling
from the Taverne.*

A Gentleman that came
reeling from a Ta-
verne, and indentering all
the way, (it being late in
the night) the watch came
about him, and began to
to lay hold of him: who
startling at their sudden
approach, as new waked
out of a dreame, asked
what was to pay? They
perceiving he came newly
out

out of a Taverne, told him, that it was not likely, that a Gentleman of his fashion, would leave the house without paying the reckoning; who answered them againe, If the reckoning bee paid, why then doe you bring mee these Bills.

*Of one dancing upon the
Ropes.*

A Meere naturall Foole, coming by chance into a place where one was dancing on the Ropes, whose foote failed him, and hee fell to the ground,

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at which, all the spectators fell into a great laughter; one Foole put finger in the eye, and wept, and being demanded the reason thereof, made answer, Marry because they call mee a Foole, that have the wit to keepe my feete upon the ground, and tooke him for a wise man, who dancing in the Aire, is at every step he takes, ready to breake his necke.

of

*of one that bought a Mare
in Smithfield.*

ONe bargaining for a Mare in *Smithfield*, and being a man knowne, paid downe halfe his money in hand, and promised him to bee a debtor unto him for the rest; the seller, some two dayes after, meeting with the buyer, demanded his mony; who told him, hee had in all things punctually kept his bargain; for, saith hee, if I should pay you the rest of the money, I am then no more your debtor.

An old Proverb.

IT hath beene an old
Proverbe, and for the
most part true, Those men,
undoubtedly, grow rich,
whose wives dye, and
whose Bees prosper.

Things that cannot bee hid.

LOve, the Cough, Fire,
and griefe.

How

*How one saluted a Gentle-
woman.*

ONe meeting a Gentle-
woman in the streetes
barebreasted, & naked halfe
way to the waste, came to
her, and whispering in her
eare, as he laid his hand up-
on her breasts, asked her, if
that flesh were to be sold?
who in a great anger an-
swered him, no, no, saith
hee: then sweete Lady, I
could wish you to shut up
your shop windowes.

Of an Hare-ander.

A Fellow that used to finde Hares for gentlemen in the Country, related this for a truth, that as hee was pacing over the Fallowes, hee spyed a hare sitting in her Furme, whose nature is, that shee will not rise, whilst you fixe your eye stedfastly upon her; which he did, and stooping on the one side to take up a stone, or something to strike her where shee sate, he suddenly catcht hold of another Hare, that was furmed at his foote, and carrying

sting her at that which hee
spyed first, tooke her just
in the rising, and broke
both their neckes. Beleeve
him who list.

*In what things women
must not bee be-
leeved.*

IN these things women
(as I have heard from the
mouth of a woman) are not
to be credited. First, if she
shee weepe; for shee hath
Teares at her will: next, if
she feigne her selfe sicke;
beleeve her not, till thou
seest her quite dead: last,
if she eate not at the Table,
G 4 thinke

thinke, either she hath before broke her fast, or else reserv'd some choise bit for her selfe after dinner.

*Of a Farmers wife in
the Countrey.*

A Plaine Countrey Farmer, having never been call'd into Office before, was made Constable; and taking it to be a great addition to his reputation, against the next Sunday he bought his wife a new gown, with a lace on every seame, the like of which, her mother had scarce
worne

worne before, with other
accowterment, in which
shee was to shew her selfe
the next Sunday; but com-
ming late to Church, (for
she was long in making her
selfe ready) just at the time
when al the people rose up
at the reading of the Go-
spell, she thinking they had
done it in reverence of her,
said to them all aloud, I
thanke you good people,
even with all my heart, and
I will so order the busines,
that this kindnesse shall be
requited before my hus-
band goeth out of his Of-
fice.

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What

*What maketh men keepe
home.*

A House kept sweete,
want of company a-
broad, Adversity, and a
Wife that is well condi-
tioned.

*Of a Gardner, who brought
a Present of Fruits to
his Land-lord.*

A Gardner had planted,
or grafted too sorts of
Kentish Pippins, and when
the time of their ripenesse
came, he brought some
of

of either, and presented them to his Land-lord, and sayd, Sir, taste that Apple, it is the best that ever grew upon the ground ; and when you have done, taste this, for it is better than the other.

Of a Countrey-fellow.

A Countrey-fellow in *Bartholmew* Faire-time comming something late through the Charter-house, when it was but almost night, spy'd a mellow Peare before him, which some had scattered; which tasting, and finding it

it to relish well in his mouth, he imagined that it had dropt from one of those Trees, and having a good cudgell in his hand, he so belabor'd the poore Elmes, till the people that passed by, and perceived the errour, laught him to scorne.

*Things that trouble
a family.*

A Hen without Egges,
a Sow without Pigs,
a Cow without Milke; the
Daughter a wanderer, the
Sonne a gamester; the
good-man that loves his
Maid,

Maide, the Wife that
robs her Husband.

*Of a young Wench coming
to confession.*

A Young Girl coming to Confession, told her Ghostly Father, that she had beene with a young man in the Hey: Ey but said he, what did you there? To whom she answered, what an old Foole are you, that have lived to these yeeres, and know not what a young fellow and a Wench cannot finde themselves to doe in an Hey-lost?

of

Of two Women scolding.

TWO women scolding,
the one call'd the o-
ther Whore; who answe-
red her againe, 'tis true,
and thou wouldst bee one
too, but that thou art so
ugly, that no man will have
to doe with thee.

*Of things which scarce can
be avoided.*

A Young Wench with-
out a Sweet-heart, a
Faire without Theeves, a
Jew without Wealth, an

old

old Barne without Mice,
an old Garment without
Lice, an old Goate with-
out a Beard, and an old
Usurer without the Devil.

*Of a simple fellow that
bought an Alma-
nacke.*

A Simple fellow would
needs goe in *Pauls*
Church-yard to buy an
Almanacke, and when he
came home, hee looked
for this Holy-day, and ano-
ther Holy-day; at length
he finds out *Easter-day*, and
sayes aloud, O strange,
saith he, *Easter-day* falls
upon

upon a *Sunday* this yeere.

of Ralph Urbin.

R *Alph Vrbin* being a very excellent and skillfull Painter, upon a time hearing two Cardinals, (with whom he was very familiar) to reprove and finde fault (onely for to anger him) with a certaine Picture of Saint *Peter*, and Saint *Paul*, which he had very artificially painted, and finished, saying, that the Pictures faces were too high-coloured, and too red; without further studying, hee gave them this answer,

answer 3 My Lords, mar-
vaile not hereat, for I
have purposely so painted
them, as they are now in
Heaven, and not as they
were upon Earth; for this
Rednesse commeth unto
them, blushing even for
very shame, to see the
Church so ill governed,
and out of repaire, by such
and such, like as your
Lordships.

Of a Scrivener.

A Perition was brought
upon a time to a Scri-
vener, to see how heelik'd
the forme of it, whereup-
on

on hee answered, and said,
that hee was a Goose that
drew it; for sayd he, I spy
twenty, and twenty faults
in this Petition, which hee
hath left out.

Of a silly fellow.

THere was a man of no
little account, which
was brought before a
Judge of a Court, to take
his Oath to such, and such
Articles, as hee should bee
examined upon; and when
he was gone, hee asked
one of his Neighbours, if
that were all, to lay his
hand upon a Booke, and
kisse

kisse it? I said the other,
it is then no matter, said
the fellow, as long as I did
not sweare by God.

Of a poore man in Prison.

There was a poore man
which had laine long
in Prison upon an Execu-
tion; a friend came to him,
and would faine have had
him out of the Prison to
the next Taverne to drink
with him; he said hee, I
cannot goe out, why, said
his friend? because saith he,
I am impaled with a Brick-
wall.

*A witty Answer of
a Parson.*

A Certaine Ecclesiastical man having but one Benefice, envyed most sharply against those that were *Non Residents*: It came to passe by tract of time, that he happened to joyne one Benefice to another, and as hee was reprovved for it by some of his friends, who oftentimes had heard him speake, and preach against it, and had knowne him alwaies to be of a contrary opinion: hee gave them

then this answere, I crave
pardon for it firs, for it was
but for want of sight, for he
that hath but one eye, see-
eth not so cleare, as he that
hath two : My Benefice
which I had first, was but
one eye, wherewith I did
see, but now having two
eyes, I perceive things
more apparant than be-
fore.

*A witty answer of a man
to his Wife.*

A Certaine Gentleman
having married a
young maid, which had a
good portion; after two
or

or three dayes hee neglected sporting and playing with her, and fell to his accustomed use of reading, and studying; after a while, his wife not liking hee should reade and study so much, came unto him, and said, O husband, I would I weere a booke, then I know you would love me, and looke in me, and turne me over and over: would you be a book, said he: yes said shee, what booke said hee? any booke said shee, then said he, I would thou wert an Almanacke, that then I might have one every yeare.

*Of the Arch-Bishop of
Colen.*

A Certaine Labourer, as
hee saw upon a time,
the Arch-Bishop of *Colen*
riding all in armes, accom-
panied with a great troop
of old souldiers, did hearti-
ly laugh at it; hereupon,
being demanded why hee
did laugh, answered sim-
ply, that he did but smile,
marvailing, that *St. Peter*,
Christs Vicar, (being him-
selfe very poore) had left
his Successors thus rich
and wealthy, and were a-
ther accompanied with
Souldiers and Courtiers,
than

than Church-men : The Arch-Bishop willing to instruct him better in this poynt, told him, that hee was a Duke by birth, and an Arch-Bishop by calling, and that hee, at that present, as Duke, went thus in armes, and guarded with souldiers; but when he had occasion to bee in the Church, that then he used himselfe as a Bishop : My Lord, (quoth the Laborer) I would to God then you would tell mee, that if the Dukes grace, should happen to fall to the Devils share, what should then become of my Lord, the Arch-Bishop.

*of John the eighth Duke
of Britaine.*

John, the eighth Duke of Britaine, willing to marry his sonne *Francis* unto *Isabel*, daughter to the King of *Scots*: the young Prince inquired what shee was for a Lady; answere was made him, that she was a very faire Damosell, well favoured, comely of body, and well disposed for to beare children, but that shee wants utterance: She is such a one as I desire, quoth the Duke, for I account a woman wise enough,

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nough, when she can make a difference betweene her husbands shirt, and his doublet; and to know his bed from another mans; and to keepe her out of the raine.

A witty answer of a Gentleman.

A Young Gentleman, whose mother being a long time a widow, and lately dead, did mourne for her, and being seene upon a certaine time in the Kings Court, mounted on horse-backe, with his foote-cloth of Crim-
son

son Velvet, the Ladies,
and other Gentlewomen
of the Court, laughed him
to scorne; saying, that they
found it very strange, to
see his horse deckt with a
foot-cloth of red Velvet,
whereas hee himselfe did
mourne for the death of
his Mother: My Ladies,
(replyed the Gentleman)
you have heerein some
reason, but yet yee ought
to consider likewise, that
the mother of my horse is
not yet dead, as that hee
should mourne for her.

*Of a Gentleman buying a
Horse in Smith-
field.*

A Gentleman being up-
on a Market day in
Smithfield to buy a horse,
and liking a Stone-horse
very well, asked, what
price? the fellow told him,
and withall; said the fel-
low, he is as good a Stone
gelding, as any is in my
Lord Maiors house.

of

Of a French Lawyer.

A Certaine French Lawyer, having in his lifetime gathered together great riches and wealth, and having no kindred to whom he might bequeath his wealth : as hee lay upon his death bed, he disposed all his goods to bee employed in the building of an Hospitall, whereinto, no other diseased persons should bee received, but such as were mad and lunatick, allowing every man a large & ample portion to their maintenance, & wil-

led, that upon both the fore-gate, and back-gate of the Hospitall, these words should be written, in large golden letters, *Of mad men I got it, to mad men I leave it.*

*A good leſt of the Dutcheſſe
of Bourbon.*

THÈ Dutcheſſe of *Bourbon* having in her Court a certaine waiting-maide, who for love had forgotten her ſelfe, and ſo was gotten with childe: and being chidden, and reprooved for her fault, ſaid, to excuse it, and to ſave her

her honesty, that a Gentleman of the house had forced and deflowred her against her will: The Gentleman heereupon being called forth to appeare, and cleare himselfe before the Dutchesse, she finding him guiltlesse, tooke his Rapier, and gave it to the Gentlewoman the accusant; and holding the Scabbard in her owne hands, bid her to put the Rapier into it againe: and as she endeavoured to doe it, the Dutchesse stirred her hands up and downe, inso much, that the Gentlewoman was not able to put the Rapier into the sheath:

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Whereupon the Dutchesse
addressing her selfe to the
Gentlewoman, said unto
her, Goe to now good Hus-
wife, if you had done
as you have scene mee
doe with the Scabbard, you
would never have salne into
this inconvenience, wherein
you are at this present, by
your owne fault and folly.

*Of a fellow which robbed
a Vestry.*

A Wicked Fellow for
robbing of a Vestry,
was brought before a
simple Justice, and when
they had accused him, and
that he had nothing to say,
to excuse himselfe, the
Justice

Justice said, Alas poore fellow, he did it for meere want, and for hunger, didst not said the Justice? yes said the fellow; let him goe, let him goe said the Justice, hee hath herein but saved the Church-wardens a labour.

*Of a Gentleman, and a
Farmer.*

A Gentleman coming to a Countrey-farmers house somewhat late, to buy some Oates, and it chanced that hee was a bed, and all his household likewise; the Gentleman
H 5 still

still knocking at the doore
very earnestly , answere
was made, what lack you?
I pray, said the Gentle-
man, let me speake with
you; no said the fellow, I
cannot speake to you; for
heere is no body at home
but I, and my wife, and
some other that are asleep,
and another that is not
well.

Of a silly Gentleman.

A Silly Gentleman that
met a Gentlewoman,
who newly before had bu-
ried her Husband, asked
her where hee was, shee
answe-

answered, in Heaven; I never heard of it before, and that he was very sorry for it.

Of a Countrey-fellow.

A Countrey-fellow going along the street in *London*, it happened that a mastie-dogge ran upon him, he stooping to take up some stones to sling at him, cryed out, that he never knew stones tyed, and dogges loose.

of

*Of a Lady, and her
Tenant.*

A Lady in the Country, invited at *Christmas*, divers of her Tenants, and friends; and having a little before gotten the victory in a suite of Law of her adversary, said, that she was glad it was ended, for she had now gotten her will of him, besides great costs and charges of suit: one of her Tenants starts up, as they were set at Table, and said, he was very joyfull of it; for he knew that he had a wrong sown by the care.

Of

Of a Souldier.

A Souldier marching +
on his way, after a
troop of horse, casting his
eye upon the ground as
he went, found a horse-
shoe, and stucke it at his
girdle, and so went still for-
wards; at length a bullet
came and hit him there;
whereupon he said, a lit-
tle armour will serve
turne, if it were put in the
right place.

of

Of a couple of Tailors.

A Couple of Tailors working upon a shop-board together, about nine of the clocke, the maid of the house brings them an egge to break. so one tooke the poynt of his needle, and so did the other also, and began to eate, at length, one thought hee did not take up enough at a time, turned the eye of the needle, and eates with that, which the other presently espyes, swears a great oath, what you

you rogue, doe you eate
with a malt-shovell.

Of three Souldiers.

There were three souldiers which had not a peny of money, and were very dry, and could not tell what to doe; one above the rest, goes into an Ale-house, and bids the other two come in with him, and then he calls to the man of the house, to give them three peny loaves, and when they were brought, one of them said, what do you thinke mine Host that wee are Taylors? give us
three

three pots of Beere for them; so the man brought them three Cans of Beere, and when they had dranke them up, they were going away; the Host said, who shall pay for the Beere? why good man Rogue, said one of them, had not you three peny loaves for them? yes, said the Host, then said his man, pay for the bread; why you Rascall, said the other, had not you the bread againe? so they went their way, laughing at the poore Tapster.

*A cunning trick of
a Frier.*

[T happened about Lent
time, that a cunning Frier
going up and downe to
preach in Townes and Vil-
lages; and being in his Ser-
mō, he begged of the poor
people their charity, and
told them many strange
stories what hee had en-
dured, at length hee
said, if they would give
something largely, in the
afternoone hee would
shew them such a Relique
that they never saw; and
that should bee a feather
of

of the Angell *Gabriel* : in
the afternoone all the peo-
ple flock~~ed~~ together, and
offered store of money;
now the Friar had got in a
boxe, a feather of a Pea-
cocks taile, which hee
would have perswaded
them, to have bin the An-
gel *Gabriels*: Now his Host
of the house, having for-
merly looked in the boxe,
and saw that it was nothing
but a Peacocks taile, took
it out, and put in a handfull
of small cooles, the Fryer
making haste to goe to
Church to get the money;
nere looked into the boxe
but put it under his Gowne
and went his way ; and be-
ing

ing in his discourse, he told them, that he had brought what hee had promised; so al the people fixed their eyes on him stedfastly; then hee opened the boxe, and seeing nothing but small coales, told them, that hee had mistaken the boxe which hee intended, but he would shew them a greater Relique, and that was some of the coales which Saint *Lawrence* was broyled upon; so the people went away satisfied; and the Host hearing this Knavery, told the Fryer, unlesse he would give him some of the money, hee would discover it; which he

hee did agree to, and
they both laugh'd at the
simple people for believ-
ing him.

*Of a blind man, and
his Boy.*

A Poore man being
strucken blind, and
not able to live, hyred a
Boy to lead him from one
friends house to another to
get food; and it happened
at one place they gave him
both rost meate and boyl'd
meate; the boy gave the
blind man the boyl'd
meate, and kept the rost
for himselfe; at length his
Master said, Sirrah, I smell
rost

oft meate, surely you have
ome, but you coufen me,
ecause I cannot see; but
have a good nose said the
poore man: at length the
oy had eaten all of it, and
is Master threatned to
eate him for so doing;
thereupon the boy makes
o more a doe, but led
im on a good round pace,
here in the mid-way
ood a whipping poste,
gainst which the poore
an hits his face a very
ore knock; what sayes the
oy, can you smell roft
eate, and cannot you
nell the post?

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*An answer of a wife to a
Neighbour.*

A Couple of special
friends meeting, did
salute one another in
the streete; and one of
them had his Wife with
him; and the other, which
had not his wife to accom-
pany him, sayes, Friend
your legges grow very lit-
tle methinks in the calfe
and are shrunke up; his
wife made answer, yet hee
hath out-growne all his
night-caps.

*A witty answer of a
Gentlewoman.*

A Gentlewoman coming into *Pauls* Church-yard among the Trunke-makers, to buy a close stoole, and the Trunke-maker asked a great price for it, and she found fault with the rate which he set upon it; then said the Trunke-maker, it is a very strong one, and it was better worth by two shillings more, by reason of the Locke and spring it had: the Gentlewoman answered, there was no great

great need of a Key, for
hee would put nothing in-
to it, but what she cared not
who stole it out.

Of an entertainment.

A Cittizen riding into
the Countrey to take
pleasure, and comming to
his friends house, and find-
ing him at home, hee
made him very heartily
welcome, and desired him
to stay all night; for hee
should bee sure to have a
flock-bed stuffed full of
feathers, and you shall
have it to your selte, and
I will lye with you.

of

Of a little Boy.

A Gentlewoman at the time of *Christmas*, invited to dinner divers of her neighbours, and when they were all come, and ready to sit downe, shee called her sonne, which was a little boy, and bid him have a care that he did not begge at Table, for if he did, shee would whip him; the boy waited at the Table a great while, and had nothing; he being very hungry, and seeing the Pyes almost eaten, saith, pray Mother give me some
I Pyc,

Pye, and I will not beg.

Of two Countrey fellows.

A Couple of Countrey-fellows going to market together, began to tell stories; one saith, I did see a naked boy with his pockets full of Nuts, kill a dead Sow with a Crosse-bow; the other said, I shall have a Fustian Doublet made of as good Holland, as can be got for money; then said the other, I must buy some merry booke, to a lamentable tune: when shall I see that booke said the other? to morrow
mor-

morning in the After-
noone said hee; then said
the other, I will tell you
a strange thing, there was
a woman living in our
Towne, which had at five
births ten children, and e-
very one was a Girl, and a
Boy.

*Of a Countrey-boy watching
Puddings.*

A Good hufwife upon a
time made Puddings,
and when she had put them
into a Kettle, and set them
over the fire to boyle, shee
called a little boy which
was her sonne, to watch

I 2 them,

them , that when they began to leape , (as Puddings will doe when they are sod) to call her , the boy still looking in the Kettle , saw them stirre , yet never called his mother , at length the Puddings skinnés burst , and did swim about , the which the boy perceiving , cryed out , mother , mother , come away , the Puddings begin to leape , for their Jerkins were off.

*Of a jealous man, and how
he served his
Wife.*

A Man being jealous of his Wife, supposed that shee had made him often a Cuckold, yet hee could never proove it; and shee still denied it: At length hee was perswaded by a friend of his, to use some trick to make her confesse it; the project was invented, and then he put it to tryall, hee told his wife, by his skill, and some other advice, that whatsoever hee prayed for, hee
I 3 should

should obtaine ; that is well said she , I like that with all my heart : Then said hee , Wife , pray tell me whether you did ever make me a Cuckold , yea , or no ; never said she ; so he went in , and made as if he kneeled downe to pray , and having in his pocket little tips of Hornes , clapt them upon his fore-head with a little glew , and so came forth , and said , looke wife , I prayed , if ever thou madest me a Cuckold , that I might have a horne , and you see , I have it ; she at first not knowing what to say , began to cry him mercy , and told him ,
that

it was a great while agoe ;
it was when they were
first married ; well said her
Husband , ne're but that
time did you ? No indeed
said she : well said he , I wil
try once more ; so he went
in , and did as he had done
before , and came out with
another Horne on ; how
now wife said hee , I thinke
I shall finde out the truth :
then she began to bethinke
her selfe , and said , she did
partly remember , that be-
ing at a Taverne one night ,
and having drunke too
much Wine , forgot her
duty , and never since did
it , nor never would a-
gaine : Then said her Hus-
band ,

band, I will try once more; then hee went in againe, and did as before, so hee came out with a third Horne, which shee seeing, fell downe upon her knees, and desired pardon, and withall, to goe in to pray no more; for if he did, his head would be full.

Of three cheating fellows.

+ **T**Hree notable shirkers went into a Taverne to dinner, and had as much Wine and Meate, as came to

to sixe shillings ; so the
reckoning being brought
up sixe shillings, they
swore they had but two
shillings to pay ; the draw-
er swore they had sixe to
pay ; so they called for the
Master of the house, and
told him, how his servant
abused them, in saying
they had sixe shillings to
pay, and they had but two
shillings ; so a wager was
laid, that they would
prove before any man
whatsoever, that they had
sixe shillings to pay, and
being come to tryall, they
told him, that they had
but two shillings amongst
them all ; so they wonne

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the wager, and left the rest to pay.

Of a very silly fellow.

There was an ignorant fellow brought before the Lords grace of *Yorke*, for having beene in the society, or company of Brownists; and having nothing to say for himselfe, a Warrant was making to send him to Prison; which the fellow perceiving, fell downe upon his knees; saying, Good my Lord, my Lord, pray your Worship, good your Worship be good to me; one of the Arch-

Arch-Bishops men that stood next him, spoke softly to him, and told him, he must say, your Grace, and not your Lordship; then the fellow cryed out, *The eyes of all things looke up and trust in thee.*

Another of a silly Woman.

IT happened that the good man of the house fell sicke of a Consumption, whereupon, the Doctor of the Towne was sent for to have his advice, and being come, he advised

sed him to take good comfortable brothes, and to drinke Asses milke and Sugar every morning, and if hee could get none about the Towne, to send to him, and hee would helpe him to some, and so the Doctor went his way; now as soone as the Doctor was gone, the mans Wife said, Husband, pray tell mee, doth master Doctor give sucke?

*A mistake of the Maior of
p. 227. Quinborow.*

VPON the death of
Queene *Elizabeth*, the
Mai-

Maioꝛ of the towne, had a Warrant sent downe from the Councell to guard and make safe the Castle; hee being at a stand, called for the rest of his brethren, and being come into their Hal, or place where they keepe Court, he stood up upon a Hassocke, and made this speech, saying, Brethren, here's an arrant (hee meant a warrant) come downe, and therefore I thought it convenient, that we should dispaire to this place; and here being dissembled together, wee might consult of our posterities; for the Queene is dead, and wee doubt, we must have another

ther King or Queene, and
I stand in great feare, the
Commons will be unrude,
and cause a strange Resur-
rection, and so then will all
our Monarchs (hee mea-
ning Monuments) be quite
undone, and our Towne
having beene of that lasci-
vius government, (mea-
ning civill government) be
turned of the other side of
the water, and so our red
scarlet gownes will bee
wet; if wee bee forced to
swimme, for my part, I can
swimme no more than a
Goose.

Vpon a Sailer.

A Sayler riding between
Dover and *Graves-*
end, and having got a stum-
bling horse, which had
throwne him divers times;
at the next Towne hee
buyes a basket, and fild it
full of Stones and gravell,
and tyes it to his horses
taile, which his company
espying, asked him, what
he meant by that he an-
swered, *That he did it, be-*
cause his horse went too much
a head.

*Another of a Countrey
fellow.*

IT happened, that at
Christmastime, a gentle-
man, who used to keepe a
bountiful house, having in-
vited many of his friends
and Tenants to dinner, one
one amongst the rest, stay-
ed two or three dayes, be-
cause hee came a great
way; at his departure hee
thanked his Landlord for
his good cheare, and went
away; as soone as he got
home, they inquired what
welcome hee had; O said
this fellow, great plenty of
eve-

every thing, the like hee
had never scene; and e-
specially, said the fellow,
to me hee shewed such
love, for hee commanded
*halfe an Oxe to bee killed a
purpose for my staying.*

*A witty one of a Justice
of Peace.*

A Silly fellow being
brought before a Ju-
stice of Peace, for stealing
of some sheepe; the fel-
low denyed it; at length
witnessse came against him,
and justified, that they saw
him drive away sixe sheep;
O said the Justice, were
there

there no more of them? no
said the Witnesse : the fel-
low still denyed them,
which the Justice hearing,
said, Fellow, if thou hadst
come to me, I could have
given thee a Warrant to
have stolne ten, but if you
steale no more than tenne,
it is no matter; no indeed,
said the fellow, there were
but foure which I had, but
if I had knowne before,
that your Worship would
have given mee that liber-
ty, I would have come to
you: The Justice whispe-
ring his Clerke in his eare,
bad him make his *Mitti-*
mus : wel, said the Justice,
I will give you a Warrant

to steale ten, and no more
at a time; now the fellow
thought that the Clerke
had beene making him
such a Warrant, the fel-
low stept to him, and
spoke softly to him, and
treated him to put in a
little Bullocke in the
Warrant likewise: so the
fellow was committed to
prison, & the Justice high-
ly commended for his
plot.

*Of a couple walking to-
gether.*

Two neighbours going
to take the ayre in the
fields,

fields, and comming into
the high-way, one spied
a company of sheepe, the
other commended them
because they were so fat
and large; the other sayd
againc, I would I had one
of them: what would you
doe with it said the other:
I would invite some of my
best friends to supper, and
make a venison patty of it.

Of a Welch begger

A Poore Welch-man
comming towards
London to get preferment,
and having got a way of
riming, or jesting, came
to

to a Widows house, which
stood on a Greene, and
because shee would give
him nothing, hee would
make verses to scoffe her,
which were these.

*There dwels a Widow upon
a greene,
Shee had a nose like to a
Swine;
Shee had feete like to any
Geese;
I trow you had now better gi-
ven some Cheese.*

of

Of a Cooke of a Colledge.

THE Cooke of a Colledge, by scalding of
brewes for the Schollers,
and having a spend-thrift
sonne, built a faire house,
with an intent to leave it to
him as a competency, a
Scholler observing it, wrote
upon the Doore these
Lines,

D' yee see this House? 'twas
greace that built it;
But ere't be long the Sonne
will make it.

ler? I tell thee boy, it is a Mill: the boy replied, I thought it had been a prison, because my minde gave me, that I should see a Theefe looke out.

Of a Countrey-Justice.

A Country Justice, somewhat imperious amongst his neighbours, had offended a Neighbour in such a way, that he knew not how to right himself: whereupon this man, with another very loving friend of his, plotted an irremediable revenge upon the Justice, inso much that

K this

this man should give his friend a boxe on the eare, which was done, and withall, by vertue of the Justice his Warrant should be sent for, which was also performed: The Warrant being served, they both immediately appeared; the Justice glad of such an opportunity, spoke very powerfully, and asked him why hee had broken the peace, in striking his neighbour? To which the other answered not at all: The Justice threatned him, that if hee would not answer, hee would lay him by the heeles: nevertheless the other would not answer

an swer a word; insomuch
that his *Mistimur* was
made, and delivered in-
to the Constables charge:
But as hee was going out,
the Justice recalled him,
and bid him answere for
himselfe; and withall as-
ked him, why hee would
not speake? He answered,
that hee durst not; why
man said the Justice? your
Worship lookes so like a
Lyon; when didst thou see
a Lyon said the Justice?
the other replyed, I saw
a Butcher the other day,
carry two on horse-backe,
bound by the legges: the
Justice replyed, away y'are
both Knaves, and so dis-

missed them, without any more words.

Of a silly Painter.

+ A Countrey-painter being imployed according to direction, to write some things upon the Church-wall; a Gentleman came into the Church, and perceiving the Painter not to write true English, called to him, and asked him, why he wrote not true English? The Painter answered, *Truely Sir, the Countrey will not goe to the charges of the writing*

writing true English.

*A mistake of a Country-
fellow.*

A Countrey-novice cō-
ming to *London*, and
comming to his lodging
late in the night, hee met
with a *Bulker*, *alias*, a *Wa-
scotiére*, and courting her
according to his countrey-
conscience, somewhat
Butcher-like, hee asked
her what it was shee had,
that was so stubbed? what
said shee? It is my *Nun-
quam satis*: How quoth
he, a Nunne and a Papiſt?

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If,

If thou beest a Nunne, I
cham sure cham no Pa-
pist.

Of a Thatcher.

A Thatcher being on
the top of a Barne at
his worke, the Barne be-
ing on the high-ways
side, a drunken Coach-
man driving without feare,
or wit, swept away the
Ladder that the Thatcher
was at worke upon, in-
much that the Thatcher
seeking to save himselfe
by catching hold, but to
no purpose, came tum-
bling

bling downewards, and still said, Lord, what shall I doe? but when he came to the Eaves, and saw that he must fall, swore a great Oath, what a fall shall I have now!

Of an old Fidler.

AN old Fidler having beene over-watcht, and drunke withall, having need to make water, the rest of his crew performing their duties, going downe to that intent, mistooke his way, and instead of going backwards, went forwards into the

K 4 street,

streete, and bestriding the
Kernell, *Colossus* like, he
boldly turn'd the Cocke,
and let his water run free-
ly; the people passing by,
checked him for it, it be-
ing towards noone: Hee
answered them, saying,
Peace you fooles, peace,
wee doe not know our
owne Happinesse: What a
Gracious Prince have we,
that will suffer his Subjects
to stand and pisse in the
streets.

of

*Of a Country man that
lost his way in
London.*

*A Countrey man of good e-
state,
His way had lost, it being
late,
And meeting with another
man,
Said, tell me good sir, if you
can,
The way to Newgate; I would
know
The ready way, I pray you
show:
Cut a purse, saith he, and you
shall finde
The ready way, though you
were blinde.*

K s of

*Of a young Merchant and
a Fidler.*

A Young Merchant man
comming home from
Sea, being merrily disposed
at a Taverne, amongst
his friends, called for Musicke,
and amongst other
of their course discourse,
some was about Womens
unconstancy; the Merchant
would undertake to winne
the good will of any woman
in few houres; the
Fidler replied, that he had
such a woman to his wife,
that he durst presume, shee
would not prove false unto
him:

him : the Merchant replied unto the Fidler, that hee would lay his ship, and all her lading (which was but newly come home) against his fiddle, that hee should finde to the contrary ; well, a bargaine is a bargaine, quoth the Fidler, a match, quoth the Merchant, and with the licence of the Fidler, away hee went to court his new Mistris, how hee used her I know not, but the Sequell sheweth hee was not unkinde : In the meane time commeth the Fidler with his croude, and sung this to his musicke.

Fid-

Fidler.

*Hold out sweete Kate, hold
out,
Hold out but these 2 houres ;
If thou hold out , there is no
doubt,
But the ship and all is ours.*

Kate.

*In truth sweet Robin I can-
not,
He hath caught me about the
middle ;
He hath me wonne, thou art
undone,
Sweete Robin thou hast lost
thy Fiddle.*

of

*Of a Puritan, and a merry
Fellow.*

A Company of Neigh-
bours being merry to-
gether, by accident one of
them was a Puritane, and
one of the company by
chance sneezing, as it is the
common custome, some of
the rest said, God blesse
you: The Puritanes zeale
being heated, told them,
they spoke in vaine, for
they should have spoken
before he had sneezed: A
mad merry fellow hearing
him say so, cryed out, O I
sneeze, I sneeze, Christ
blesse

blesse you, quoth the Precissian, with that the man routed out an ugly Fart, whereat all the company laughed heartily, but the Puritane was forced to get him gone.

*Of a Citizen and his
Sonne.*

A Citizen having invited many of his neighbours to supper, his sonne being one of the servitors, by chance reaching of a glasse of Wine over his fathers shoulder, his father leaning suddainely backward, made his sonne to spill

spill the Wine, and being
very angry, gave his sonne
a god boxe on the eare, his
sonne standing in a maze,
yet recollecting his spi-
rits, suddenly with his
fist stroke one of his neigh-
bours that sate next to
his Father; whereat the
man amazed, so likewise
all the company, deman-
ded the reason, the youth
readily replied, let it goe
round I pray you, and it
will come to my father a-
non.

of

*Of a Gentleman and his
Tenant.*

A Gentleman in the
Countrey, sitting in a
Taverne with other Gen-
tlemen, espied one of his
Tenants in the streets, and
beckning to him, to have
him come to him, telling
the company, that they
should see him put a good
jest on his Tenant: well, in
comes the old man, the
Landlord tooke a cup of
Wine, and dranke to him,
saying aloud, heere's to
you, and to al the Whores,
Witches, Bauds, Knaves,
and

and Rogues in the whole Kingdome ; The poore deafe man, with his hat in his hand, answered, I thanke your good worship (making many Legs) I pray you remember your Father and Mother, your good brothers and sisters, your pretty Children, and all the rest of your kinred ; whereat all the company laughed heartily, but the Gentleman bit his lippe for very anger.

of

Of a fellow that stole a Pig.

+ **A** Countrey fellow being deafe, having stoln a Pig, the Pig as their manner is, cryed pittifully, but the deafe man seeing him onely gape, as he thought, it makes no matter, said he, gape so long as thou wilt, so that thou dost not cry, but they that owed the Pig followed him, hearing him say so, told him, that if hee used such trickes, it would spoyle his gaping, and so tooke the Pig from him, and beate him soundly.

of

Of two theeves in Newgate.

TWO Theeves beeing brought to Newgate for theft, the one had stoln a Watch, the other a Mare, and having taken up their lodgings, the one of one side, the other of the other side, and being merrily disposed, saies he that stole the Mare, thinking to put a tricke on the other, calling aloud, *Jack, Iack*, what's a Clocke by your Watch? the other quicke and wittily replied, It is almost time *Tom* to water your Mare.

A witty answer of one in
Newgate.

A Nother mad compa-
nion being brought to
Newgate for some riot by
him committed, and some
of his old companions see-
ing him there, asked him,
Why how now *Wil*, with a
vengeance how camst thou
here? by my troth honest
Ned, said he, any blind man
might as easily have come
here, as well as my selfe,
for I was led.

of

*Of a Country-man comming
up to London in the Tearme,
time to end a suite in
Law.*

A Countrey Farmer ha-
ving beene long in suit
of Law, and put off from
Tearme to Tearme, com-
ming up at *Michaelmas*
Tearme, thinking to end
his businesse, was suddenly
affronted by one of his
neighbours, who asking
him how all matters stood,
the other answered, hee
hoped all would be ended
this Tearme: I am very
sorry said the other, I shall
tell

tell you ill newes ; what
 said the other ? why, your
 Cause is remooved to
Leichfield : Let them re-
 moove it to the Devill,
 chill have a Lawyer to fol-
 low it.

*Of two stammerers, by
 chance meeting to-
 gether.*

There dwelt a Gentle-
 man in *Shropshire*, that
 had a great imperfection
 in his speech, that when
 hee had strove most to
 speake, he could not utter
 his words, but stammer
 much : This Gentleman
 going

going a hunting, by chance
lost his Game, the Hare,
and the Dogges, and mee-
ting with a Countrey-man
that stutred as fast as he, as-
ked him if hee did see, see,
see s, s, s, the Hare? the o-
ther striving to answer
him, made such a many
faces, striving to speake,
n, n, n, no, no; the Gentle-
man out of his fury think-
ing he had mock't him, fell
a beating him soundly; but
there was such stutring, and
such faces betwixt them,
that either thought the o-
ther did mocke him: At
length there came a neigh-
bour of the Gentlemans
by at the present, and per-
cci-

ceiving the mistake in both of them, and very well knowing them both, told the Gentleman, that the poore man meant no hurt, and could speake no otherwise than himselfe: the Gentleman perceiving that it was the truth, craved pardon, and to the Ale they went, where they were made great friends; the Gentleman ever after remayning a very good friend to his fellow-stammerer.

Dioge.

Diogenes his wish concerning Women.

[T is written that *Diogenes* the Philosopher, did so much hate all Women, that one shewing him where a Woman hanged her selfe upon a Tree, because she was jealous, finding her Maids smocke on the hedge by her husbands shirt, *Diogenes* answered, merrily laughing, *I would that all trees did beare such fruite.*

L of

*Of a Welchman and an
English-man.*

O Ne thinking to mocke
a *Welch man*, because
one of his Countrey-men
was hanged that day a-
mongst other *English-men*,
hit him in the teeth with it;
it is true quoth the *Welch-
man*, but there were ten
English-men hanged with
him; and wee can well af-
ford one *Welch-man* out of
the way, as well as you
can so many *English*.

*Of a Lawyer, and his
Client.*

A Merry conceited Law-
yer thinking to breake
a jest upon one of his Cly-
ents who had a rich face,
called unto him, saying,
you with the copper-nose,
what say you to me? true-
ly answered the man, I say
nothing but this, that I
will not change my cop-
per-nose for your brazen
face.

*Of a poore widow, and
her sonne.*

ONce upon a time there was a poore Widow, whom her Husband had left very poore, and in Debt; having one Sonne, a very untoward boy: the Quarter-day comming on, she could not tell how to make shift to pay her Rent, at last bethinking with her selfe what to doe, she had three Kine, one of which shee meant to sell; and therefore called her sonne *Jacke Spye*, (for that was his name) bidding him to
goe

goe to the Market, and
sell such a Cow, at such a
price at least; *Iacke* did as
his Mother commanded
him, but by the way, as
hee was driving the Cow,
an old man asked him
where he was going, *Iacke*
replyed, to the Market;
Oh sayes the old man, if
thou wilt give me the
Cow, I will bestow on
thee such a gift, that what-
soever thou bid'st stand, it
shall stand still, till thou
bidst it doe the contra-
ry: *Iacke* thinking himse-
lf a brave fellow to doe such
prankes, agreed, and so
let the old man have his
Cow: returning home to
L 3 his

his Mother, telling her what brave things hee could doe, and all taught him for his Cow, the poore woman was almost out of her wits for this her sonnes idlenesse; yet hoping that hee would not serve her so any more, sent him away the second time with another Cow; *Iacke* hasts him away to the Market, and going on singing, met with his old Chapman, which asked him, saying, How now *Iacke*? whither art thou going? *Iacke* sayd, to the Market, to sell my Cow: Oh sayes the old man, if thou wilt let me have thy Cow,

Cow, I will give thee the bravest Rat that ever thou didst see, and if thou dost bid her goe, and bite him Rat, she shall doe it presently; besides, shee shall shew a great many more tricks to procure laughter; *Jacke* was very unwilling, remembering how hee was served for the last fault; yet, seeing such pretty tricks of the Rat, *Jacke* thought once more to venture his breech, and so let the man have the Cow, and home hee comes to his Mother, thinking to please her with his Rats trickes: the poore woman heereat was almost out of her wits,

not knowing how to pay her Land-lord, who was a very cruell man, fell about her sonne, and belaboured his Jacket; yet all this was nothing to her Rent, that shee must have, or else be turned out of doores: she had one Cow left, and calling her sonne *Jacke* to her, first rebuking him for his idlenesse; alleadging her poverty, and how hee and she were utterly undone.

of

*Of a Countrey-fellows
honesty.*

A Young man who lived in the Countrey, came up to *London*, which was the first time of his being there; and having ended his busines, departed from thence, and when he came neere home, hee met with his friend, telling him, hee had beene at *London*, and seene the Lord Maior; Ey but said his friend, did hee take any notice of thee? none at all said he, onely I put off my Hat to him, and he did his duty to me.

L 5 of

Of a Puritan.

+ ONE of the Tribe coming into *Newgate*-market to buy a Cheese of a Cheese-monger, & after he had seene two or three severall Cheeses, the Master of the shop desired him to taste of them, to see which hee liked best; and putting the taste of the Cheese to his mouth, hee put off his Hat, and began a long Grace, which the Cheese-monger seeing, snatched up his Cheese, & said, Nay sir, since you, instead of a taste, meane to make a dinner of my cheese,

cheefe, you shall buy none
of me, for I did not buy it
after that rate.

*Of a Mayor of the Towne p. 12. d.
of Quinborow.*

THE Maior of the
Towne, would needs
one day desire his brethren
to accompany him to hunt
the Hare; and as they were
at the sport, one of the
Huntfemen came to the
Maior, and asked him, how
he liked the Crie of the
Hounds? a poxe take the
dogs saith Master Maior,
they make such a bawling
that I cannot heare the
crye.

On

Of a Fidler.

+ DIVERS Gentlemen being at *Islington* to make merry, called for the Fiddlers; it hapned that one of the Fiddlers were blind, and staying somewhat late at night, at last, they going away, one amongst the rest, called for the Tapster of the house to light the blinde Fidler downe the stayers; to whom the fellow said, Sir, the Fidler is blinde; thou rogue, said one of the company, hee hath neede of the more light.

On

Of a Sailer on Horsebacke.

A Sailer riding one day
between *Rochester* and
Gravesend, and being not
used to ride, the horse be-
ing all on sweat, and being
to passe through a river;
offered to water the horse
before hee ridde him in so
deepe as the footlocke; one
of his company seeing
him, and knowing the dan-
ger which might come to
the horse, call'd upon him
to ride in deeper; the o-
ther not knowing the rea-
son, made him this answer,
First stay til he hath drunk
off

off all this, and then I will
ride him in farther, where
he may have his belly full.

*A Parish Clerkes
mistake.*

AN honest man, a
Parish Clerke, and a
Free man of the City of
London, and by profession
a Sinner, being bidden
by the Preacher, before he
went into the Pulpit, (be-
cause hee found himselfe
at the present not well) to
sing a Psalm of some
length, I will, said he, and
thus spake aloud: I intreat
you good people, to sing
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the *Lamentation of a Skinner.*

Another of the like.

IN some parish Churches,
there be two Clerks, and
it hapned they fell both a-
 sleepe in the Sermon time,
the Sermon being ended;
one that stood by them
awaked them ; presently
one of them perceiving
the Sermon done , spake
with a loud voyce, and de-
sired them to sing *All peo-
ple* : the other Clerke hea-
ring him , starts up , and
saies, Hang all people, sing
me the hundred Psalmes.

of

Of a silly Maier.

A Maier of a Corpora-
tion in the North-
Countrey, just upon the
Death of Queene *Eliza-
beth*, tooke an occasion to
call his brethren together
in their Towne-hall, and to
make a speech, what a
good Queene they had
lost, but wished them to
take comfort: for *Pompey*
and *Alexander* were dead,
and all the Nine World-
lings were dead, but none
of all these were so good a
Queene as she: and more-
over, as Master Schoole-
master

master calls it, where there are no Justices of peace, and that no Officers have any power, but Maiors, Bailiffes, and Constables, by reason of which many Scabal-croes and varlets take opportunities to commit divers outrages, and mutinies, hoping to scape unpunished; but saith hee, if all other Magistrates will take that strict order that I purpose to doe, there shal none of them all have the least hope of a resurrection.

of

Of an ignorant fellow.

O Ne having occasion to ride forth into the Countrey, to see some of his friends and acquaintance, chanced to meete with one of his friends servants, and demanded of him how his Master and Mistresse did ? they are both in good health said he, and where hast thou beene ? Why quoth hee, my Master hath a Sow to beeguelled, and I have beene with my Conzen *Sharpe*, to know when the Moone changed, and hee told

told me, to morrow, at Eleven a Clocke in the after-noone, at whose simplicity the other laughed exceedingly.

Of an Apple-pye.

ONE being amongst a company of good fellows, and espying a Costermonger that passed by, being very desirous to play with him for his basket of Peares, called him backe, the Costermonger being more forward than wise, and having more Dice in his pockets than Crownes in his purse, willingly pulled

led them out, and after some play, lost al his pears; the other had not so soone won them, but as willingly distributed them: a friend of his being in the presence, was angry with him for parting from them so slightly; Why, saith hee, what should I have done with them? what should you have done with them, replied his friend, you should rather have taken them home to your wife, that she might have made some Apple-pyes for your Children.

*Of young Urbanus going into
the Countrey to receive his
Wifes Portion.*

YOUNG *Urbanus* being
newly married, and
having never beene in the
country, would needs take
a journey to fetch his wifes
portion, leaving her at
home to looke to his house
and servants; on the way,
he chanced to meete with
one, who unknown to him,
had formerly bore good
wil to his wife, and hearing
she was newly married, was
going to her to make a re-
visit; *Urbanus* glad to see
one coming towards him,
gave

gave him the time of the day, and being overjoyed to heare the birds sing so sweetly, made him break out into these words; O Sir, I am almost ravished to heare these sweete and melodious tunes, which proceed from yonder pretty birds, wondring much, likewise, that they have so much wit to observe the time and season of the yeare; it is no matter of wonder, said the other, to heare them so pleasant in the spring, but you being a stranger in these things, do well to apply your care so diligently to their sounds, which I hope may bee so
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profitable unto you ; that
your selfe may learne to
sing *Cuckoo* in your return.

*Of three Countrey-men be-
ing come up to London,
and their usage
there.*

THREE Countrey-men
having occasion to
come up to *London* to the
Termes, when there was
but a small sicknesse, they
were yet somewhat afraid
where they should lye
when they came, and cal-
ling to minde a Gentle-
man that had beene some-
what beholding to them a
little

little before, when he was in those parts; thought it not amisse, if they could, to get a lodging at his house; this resolved on, they no sooner came into the City, but by chance met with him, and after their salutation, one of them thus began: Sir, the danger of the time, and feare of the sickness, makes us doubtfull where to lodge, being strangers; but if wee may desire so much favour of you, as to helpe us to some place convenient for our short stay, wee will not onely bee thankfull in words, but study to deserve it in deeds: The
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Gentleman hearing this,
(yet did expect nothing)
tooke them home with
him, and entertained them
with much respect; at
length when they had
done what they could in
the Court, they were wil-
ling to dismisse themselves
and returne homeward; so
taking their leave of the
Gentleman; nay, saith he,
I will bring you to the
Townes end, and would
gladly shew you some
sights, if you staied longer,
but now I can shew you
none, without your hinde-
rance; onely in your way,
I can shew you a couple of
Baboones and a Jicka-
napes,

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napes,

napes, they being very desirous to see the sight; whereupon, he pulled out a Looking-glasse, and bad each of them looke into that.

Of three Countrey men coming to the Royall Exchange.

TWO or three Country people being at London, and being brought by some of their friends to see the Royall Exchange, they staring up, saw the Kings and Queenes round about them, and wondering what they should
be,

bee, asked one of their acquaintance which came along with them, what those were? Hee made answer, and told them, that they were all the Kings and Queēnes, that had ever beene in this Land : I saies the other, then I doe intend to put off my hat with all speede, for feare I should bee suspected of Treason, being, as I thinke in the Presence Chamber.

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*Of Countrey men that went
to see fights in London.*

THREE or four plaine
Fellowes coming to
see fights, desired to see the
Tower, one of their friends
told them, I will goe with
you, and you shall see the
Lyons too; when they en-
tered, the roome smelt very
strong; one of them said
presently, I thinke this
place be invincible, why so
said the other? why neigh-
bour saies he, do you thinke
that ever such creatures as
these, will yeeld up to the
enemy?

of

*Of a silly fellow that saw
the ships lye at
Anchor.*

ONE comming to the
Thames side, saw ma-
ny lusty ships lye at An-
chor, and having never
seene any before, won-
dred with himselfe what
they should bee, and at last
asking a fellow that stood
by, what they were? to
whom hee answered, that
they were the Merchants
Forrest, or wood; it may
very well bee so indeed,
saith hee, but Ile tell you
Sir, I have often mus'd

M 3 what

what became of the great Forrest in our Countrey, and now I see that our ground was too dry to nourish them, and so be-like they have let them to grow here.

Of two or three conferring together.

THree or foure Gentlemen meeting together, they were discoursing busily about the Fast, being a Wednesday: What saies one, there will bee a Sermon on Wednesday at *St. Pauls*; no, saies another, not so, because it is contrary to the Proclamation.

mation, Tush., saies another, what if Good-Fryday should fall upon a Wednesday, should wee not then have a Sermon thinke yee? nay saies the other I cannot resolve you of that point Gentlemen; faith saies the third, for ought I know, if the Sicknesse continue, wee are not like to have a Passion Sermon, because the Fast is very like to bee on that day.

*Of a Countrey-fellow
selling an Horse.*

A Countrey-fellow having an Horse to sell, one came to him, and did aske him how old he was, and of what price, the other answered, that he was eight, and his price was Twelve pound; saith the other, is he as good as you say hee is, and no older? Faith saith the other, hee is as good an Horse as ever wore shooe of leather, and I know him to bee better now, than hee was Nine yeeres agoe.

Of

*Of two or three going to
heare a Sermon.*

TWO or three coming into a Parith-Church in *London*, a Puritan being to preach, to heare a Sermon, the one said to the other, let us stay all the time, for hee that preaches, is a worthy zealous Teacher: well, staying a while to heare Prayers, and marking how hee minced it, and did not read halfe of it, away went he, his friends wondring at his departure; hee told them, how is it possible

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that hee should preach so well, when he can pray no better? but the other told him, that he did not care for the booke of Common prayer, because he thought it to be Popish; the other answer'd, nor I for his Sermon then, because I thinke it will be foolish.

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